

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 1-4 have been allowed. The Examiner has rejected Claims 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wagner et al. (U.S. Patent 6,169,911) in view of Greco et al. (U.S. Patent 5,568,540), and further in view of Davis (U.S. Patent 5,867,793).

Regarding Claims 5-7, the Examiner states in the Office Action that the combination of Wagner et al. in view of Greco et al., and further in view of Davis discloses all of the elements of the claims. Wagner et al. discloses a graphical user interface for a portable telephone; Greco et al. discloses a method and apparatus for selecting and playing a voice mail message; and, Davis discloses a built-in, cellular telephone message recorder. Claim 5 has been amended to recite that there is a determination whether a scroll key is input while reproducing the found voice message. As none of the cited references teaches or discloses this element, withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 5 is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that Claim 5 is in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 6 and 7, they are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on Claim 5. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections of dependent Claims 6 and 7 are respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that Claims 1-7 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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